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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
KOJI TAKEKOSHI ET AL.) Examiner: N.Y.A.
Application No.: 10/714,654) Group Art Unit: N.Y.A.
Filed: November 18, 2003)
For: MEDICAL IMAGE HANDLING)
SYSTEM AND METHOD : January 23, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of those documents are also enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/552,590	04/19/2000	2721
09/611,268	07/06/2000	2876

Copies of the cited applications are enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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			6,504,960 B2	01/07/03	Takahashi		382	305	
			2003/0007674 A1	01/09/03	Tsuji et al.		382	132	04/26/02
			6,343,137 B1	01/29/02	Kimura et al.		382	100	
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